



# **Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Training Alert**

## **No Cost to Attend**

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## **CELL PHONE INVESTIGATION TECHNIQUES**

**WHEN:** March 3-4, 2026-**Tuesday-Wednesday**  
**Time: 8:30– 5:00**

**WHERE:** North Little Rock Police Department-Justice Center  
#1 Justice Center Drive  
North Little Rock, AR 72114

**CO-SPONSOR:** North Little Rock Police Department

**CLEST CERTIFIED-** Pending Approval

### **DESCRIPTION:**

It has become increasingly difficult for law enforcement to successfully exploit cell phones due to the evolution of smartphone technology. Criminals' heavy reliance on cell phones makes it crucial for police officers to learn common cell phone terminology and understand the data they receive from cell phone companies.

Historical cell-site data and specialized location records have been utilized in thousands of investigations to successfully track a criminal or to put them near a crime scene. Information will be presented during this block of instructions on the benefits of using these records, the limitations of the records, and the best software to map the records.

Smartphone applications (APPS) have become the preferred method of communication for criminals. Although the content of many APPS is encrypted, there are digital imprints left behind on the actual device. Information will be presented on various APPS, as well as the types of data that can be obtained from the APP providers.

The final blocks of instruction will involve instructions on obtaining data from Google and Apple products. Google's large platform of location data enables law enforcement to accurately track Google users while Apples iCloud data allows law enforcement to obtain contents of communications when stored to the cloud. This two-day training course will provide officers with a comprehensive approach to exploiting cellular telephones.

**INSTRUCTOR:** Byron Boston

**Byron Boston** served 20 years with Dallas Police Department before retiring in May 2017. He spent over 14 years in the Narcotics Division as an undercover officer. For five years, Byron was assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as a Task Force Officer (TFO) to



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investigate Mexican Drug Cartels impacting the Southwest border of the United States. These investigations involved drug trafficking, extortion, kidnappings, and homicides. Byron is co-owner of PLET and has been a national training instructor for over 16 years. During that time, he has created a variety of courses and has successfully trained thousands of law enforcement officers across the United States and Canada with exceptional reviews.

## Enrollment:

- Log into <http://nhac.org/hidtatrainingcalendar/events/1> or go to our GCHIDTA website at <http://www.gchidta.org/>. Click on the training tab and find the event on the calendar.
- Then select "Cell Phone Investigation Techniques" class- **March 3-4, 2026**.
- Fill in the Online Application
- Select Complete Registration
- Save the application number for further use if necessary
- You will receive an email indicating your online registration has been received

**Attendance:** Open to all certified law enforcement officers and support personnel.

**Contact:** Please enroll on-line. If you have any questions or issues with the on-line process, contact Brian Chambers at 901-378-7706 or [Brian.Chambers@gchidta.org](mailto:Brian.Chambers@gchidta.org).

**All students registering:** Please use [Gulf Coast HIDTA](#) as your HIDTA category.